THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement

(a) No. of Passengers travelled during 1-4-1987 to 31-3-1988 :

Railway	(in millions)
Central	963
Eastern	532
Northern	387
North Eastern	181
Northeast Frontier	24
Southern	342
South Central	156
South Eastern	188
Western	1056

(b) *No. of locomotives as on 31-3-1988*

Steam	4,489
Diesel	3,296
Electric	1,436

(c) *Total volume of freight traffic (Revenue) carried during 1987-88* . . . . 290.20 million tonnes

(d) *Total number of wagons and coaches as on 31-3-1988*

(i) Wagons	346,527
(ii) Coaches (including EMU and Rail Cars)	30,476

(Above figures are provisional)

Regulation of the rates of the Unani Medicines and Tonics

1790. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under their consideration any proposal for regulating the rate of Unani Medicines and tonics in the country; and

(b) if so, by when rules for regulating the rate of Unani Medicine tonics would be formulated and enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) Does not arise.

Short Supply of Chlorine Tablets for disinfecting water

1791. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Chlorine' tablets one of the effective source and important measure for disinfecting impure water, are in short supply in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the total annual requirement of 'Chlorine' tablets in the country and actual annual production thereof with the details of the manufactures and price fixed therefor and subsidy, if any given by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The subject matter of the Question is the concern of Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Industry. Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sale of Substandard Food Stuffs and Soft Drinks in South Avenue, New Delhi

1792. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substandard food materials and soft

drinks are being sold at the canteens in the V.I.P. area in the South Avenue, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to conduct periodical checks to prevent such practices; and

(c) if sc, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per the information provided by the Delhi Administration, no such complaint has been received by the PFA Department of Delhi in this regard, so far.

(b) and (c) The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi is already undertaking checking of dhabas and other food vendors on a regular basis.

Sale of Banned Drugs in the Market

1793. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some drugs are being sold in the market which have been banned in other countries, if so, what are the names thereof;

(b) whether the Indian Medical Council have made any recommendations in this regard;

(c) what action has been taken by Government to implement the recommendations of the Council;

(d) whether Government propose to set up a Drug Authority of India to ensure good quality of drugs; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) While the drugs Nitrofuran compounds, Phenformin, Tydroxyquinoline derivatives, Higher dose Lynestrenol products, Piperazone, Phenylbutazone/Oxyphenbutazone and Analgin have been withdrawn in some countries, these continue to be marketed in other countries including India. The decision on the continued marketing of these drugs was taken in consultation with medical experts.

(b) and (c) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has not received any recommendations made in this regard by the Indian Medical Council.

(d) and (e) As per the measures for Rationalisation, quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry, announced in December, 1986 by the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Industry a machinery entitled "The National Drug and Pharmaceutical Authority" is to be established at the central level with a permanent secretariat.

Voluntary agencies assisting in Adult Education Programme

1794. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of voluntary agencies in the country assisting in adult education programme of Government;

(b) whether their performance has found to be satisfactory; and

(c) what steps are being taken to speed up the programme in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) 445 proposals received from Voluntary Agencies for grant-